

EXHIBIT 17

Notice of Allowability	Application No. 16/383,561	Applicant(s) Lambourne, Robert A.	
	Examiner PAUL C MCCORD	Art Unit 2654	AIA (FITF) Status No

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☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on ____.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material ____. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____.	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____.
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/PAUL C MCCORD/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2654

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not reasonably teach the subject matter of the independent claims. Particularly while DME operates to accomplish playback of selected media in synchrony on a selected set of first, second, etc. playback devices when a scene is invoked upon said set of players, DME does not allow for continuous output of media on a particular playback device and joining of the continuous output by a selected playback device or set thereof in synchrony with media currently playing back upon the particular playback device. That is, the prior art enables the selection of a device or group for synchronized playback of media, however the synchronization is the start of the process. Whereas invocation of a scene which adds a playback device or group thereof as claimed causes the added playback device(s) to join with a particular playback device currently playing media and output said media in synchrony with the particular playback device without a pause or interruption of the playing media nor any need for a user to further engage with playback controls of the playing media. The Bose teaches a system which allows for synchronous addition of media players to a playback system while delivering a playing media without interruption. Bose displays static groupings of media players attached as "rooms" and the rooms may be individually activated and individually configured for delivery of a synchronous media and/or grouped into a party mode where all rooms synchronously deliver a common media. As such Bose does not allow dynamic additions and subtractions such as the synchronous addition of a particular third media player and removal of a second media player in substantially real time by the selection of an appropriately configured scene, nor does Bose enable scene-wise storage of such diverse groupings of media players.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PAUL C MCCORD whose telephone number is (571)270-3701. The examiner can normally be reached on 730-630 M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, VIVIAN CHIN can be reached on 5712727848. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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